

*Table: Foreign Tourist Arrivals to India (in lakh)*

Month	2005	2006	% change over previous year
January	3.86	4.44	(+)15.1
February	3.70	4.07	(+)10.1
March	3.52	3.91	(+)11.0
April	2.48	3.10	(+)24.7
May	2.25	2.59	(+)14.7
June	2.47	2.73	(+)10.6
July	3.08	3.49	(+)13.3
August	2.74	3.03	(+)10.5
September	2.57	2.81	(+)9.3
October	3.48	3.94	(+)13.3
<b>TOTAL: (Jan-Oct)</b>	<b>30.15</b>	<b>34.10</b>	<b>(+)13.1</b>

**Provision of basic facilities at historical places**

**1456. SHRI C. PERUMAL:** Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the proposals with Government to improve the conditions of historical places and the places of Archaeological importance and to provide basic amenities in those places upto international standards to attract more number of foreign tourists, to earn huge foreign exchange to the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposals along with the financial allocation, State-wise?

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI):** (a) and (b) Archaeological Survey of India and the respective State/UT Governments are primarily responsible for development of places of archaeological and historical importance to attract tourists. Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance for projects for providing basic amenities, conservation, restoration, preservation and also for illumination of monuments which are prioritized in consultation with the respective agencies. The details of such projects sanctioned during the current financial year, with financial allocation State-wise, is enclosed as Statement (See below).

### **Statement**

***The details of projects sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism during 2006-07 in respect of historical places and places of archaeological importance***

Sl.No.	State	Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	Bihar	Development of Bodhgaya-Rajgir-Nalanda Circuit (Mega Project)	1922.42	961.21
2.	Delhi	Illumination of 13 monuments in Delhi (Mega Project)	2375.09	1187.54
3.	Gujarat	Development of Junagadh-Veraval-Porbandar-Dwarka	329.83	283.86
4.	Kerala	Development of Padmanabhapuram Palace Complex	308.19	246.55
5.	Madhya Pradesh -do-	Development of Mandu Development of Panna	471.74 421.36	377.40 337.00
6.	Rajasthan	Conservation, Restoration and Preservation of Gagron, Fort, Jhalawar Distt.	281.71	225.36
7.	Tamil Nadu	Development of Madurai	478.03	382.42
8.	Uttar Pradesh	Development of Agra-Revitalization and visitor Management for Taj Mahal	758.00	606.40